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Title: OBJECT POSITIONING METHOD FOR A LITHOGRAPHIC PROJECTION
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir,

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination of the above-captioned patent application. This Preliminary Amendment responds to the Final Office Action dated October 3, 2005, and the Advisory Action dated January 31, 2006, the date for response to which is March 3, 2006, with a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time filed herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: